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Nurse suspended on charges of drug trafficking; having improper relationship

OLYMPIA — Charges of drug and professional boundary violations lead to immediate license suspensions for Lakewood nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner Barbara Boardman.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and state Department of Health took this action based on allegations of drug trafficking and having a romantic relationship with a resident at the facility where she worked. Boardman (RN00112266, AP30006652) cannot work as a nurse in Washington until the charges are resolved.

Charging papers allege Boardman entered into a romantic relationship with a resident at the Special Commitment Center at McNeil Island, had sexually explicit conversations with him after her employment ended, and helped bring cocaine and pornography into the facility for him. The charges also say she has been convicted of possession of cocaine base.

Boardman has 20 days to respond to the charges and ask for a hearing. The legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or on the Department of Health's "[Provider Credential Search](#)" (www.doh.wa.gov).

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